

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

• Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Maurice River Township as it celebrates its 200th anniversary on Saturday October 3rd. It is a pleasure for me to be able to recognize this important milestone.

Maurice River Township has a rich and varied history that will be celebrated and honored this Saturday. Maurice River Township was first chartered as one of six precincts of the County of Cumberland, created by the Colonial Legislature, in the Colony of West Jersey on January 19th, 1747. Together, Greenwich, Hopewell, and Stow Creek, on the North side of Cohansey Creek, as well as Fairfield, Deerfield, and Maurice River on the South side of Cohansey Creek, formed Cumberland County. The Maurice River Precinct contained all of the land on the East side of Prince Maurice's River. In 1798, Maurice River was finally incorporated as a Township by the New Jersey State Legislature.

Over the past 200 years the Township of Maurice River has developed into a thriving community, incorporating the eight villages of Delmont, Bricksboro, Dorchester, Leesburg, Heislerville, Port Elizabeth, Cumberland, and Milmay. Today, Maurice River stands as one of the most vibrant communities in the State of New Jersey, and I am confident it will continue to grow in a positive direction.

The determination and the spirit of the Maurice River community make it a privilege for me to recognize its bicentennial anniversary. The Township has become one of New Jersey's brightest stars, and I look forward to another two hundred years of success.●

TRIBUTE TO THE BLUE RIDGE RIFLES

• Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Blue Ridge Rifles Precision Drill Team of North Georgia College and State University. The Blue Ridge Rifles finished first overall at the Tulane University Mardi Gras Drill Meet, their tenth such win since 1979.

The Blue Ridge Rifles competed against outstanding competition, hailing from such esteemed institutions as West Point, the United States Air Force Academy, and the Georgia Military College. Furthermore, this competition was scored using Navy-Marine Corps standards of drill, so the Rifles, with their Army-based ROTC training, were competing under unfamiliar rules. The ability of the Rifles to adjust to these changes and compete, let alone win, is nothing short of exceptional.

I also extend congratulations to Cadet Staff Sergeant Justin Shelton and Cadet Second Lieutenant Edward Boyd, who finished first and third in the individual exhibition respectively.

The Blue Ridge Rifles are a proud component of North Georgia College and State University, an dedicated edu-

cational institution renowned for its excellent ROTC program. Mr. President, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring this fine organization of young Americans as they celebrate their latest triumph.●

TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PITTSBURGH

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, this year marks the 225th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. Today I rise to congratulate the church on their many years of faithful service.

The First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh has a long and esteemed history of reaching out and ministering to those in need. Over the years, the congregation has faithfully given themselves to advance the good of the city. Their impact is evident in the many lives they have so graciously touched along the way.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join with me in extending the Senate's best wishes to the people of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh and commending them on their 225 years of dedicated service to the city of Pittsburgh. With God's help, their legacy will carry on for another 225 years.●

RECOGNIZING ANDY WILLIAMS

• Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I speak today to recognize Andy Williams, an individual who along with only seven others in the nation, has received the National Crime Prevention Council's Ameritech, Award of Excellence in Crime Prevention.

Andy, while employed as a cab driver, made a decision in 1989 that inner-city youth needed both good role models and more chances to learn. He has since devoted his time, energy, and limited resources to the city of St. Paul's young people. Youth in St. Paul have benefited by the creation of his first program, Worker's Organization to Regain Confidence (WORC). After working a 7 or 8 hour day in his cab, he used it to collect kids from school and take them to miscellaneous jobs he had set up for them, providing an alternative to after-school delinquency and crime. Kids took on various jobs such as cleaning windows for a local business, running a lawn service, delivering dinners, learning how to repair small engines, and shovel snow. These programs usually involved 12 to 14 participants.

A successful year later, he expanded WORC into a non-profit organization, guiding at-risk youth in the St. Paul communities of Frogtown and Summit-University. WORC and his newly created subsidiary, SOCK (Save Our City Kids), cooperate with other non-profits to provide work skills, peer counseling, and apprenticeship opportunities. These help the students develop self-confidence, self-respect, and more of the skills crucial to becoming self-sufficient.

Andy has since created several other fruitful programs which continue to benefit the community. His innovations have enabled him and several hundred students to achieve a vision which reflects the nature of the Ameritech Award. His efforts and commitment are a great example for those who wish to make a difference in their own communities. The other programs include: WORC on Bikes, the Drop-In-Center, the Let's Talk program, and Whiz Kids. WORC on Bikes is a program in which youth learn to repair bicycles and eventually earn their own bikes. The Drop-In-Center is a place where any adult or child can stop and discuss personal concerns, such as family problems, alcohol and drug abuse, and violence. The Let's Talk program empowers youth, teenagers, adults, and parents by providing the tools with which solutions to social problems can begin to be addressed. Whiz Kids is a community-based computer education program which makes technology more accessible to youth, while assisting them in developing related skills to prepare them for future endeavors. It is funded entirely through private donations.

Clearly, Andy was selected for this award for his ability to truly make a difference, to persevere, to work for positive results in the lives of youth in the realm of crime prevention and far beyond. On behalf of the children and families who have profited from his exemplary efforts to better various communities in St. Paul, my thanks for his devoted and lasting contribution to the future of our children, and my congratulations on his well-deserved award.●

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER LILIA L. RAMIRZ, U.S. NAVY

• Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I welcome this opportunity to pay tribute to Commander Lilia L. Ramirez, U.S. Navy, who is retiring after eighteen years of distinguished service to this nation. She stands out as a pioneer, a leader and an outstanding role model for young people in uniform.

Lilia's United States Navy career is testament to a true American success story. She was born in Bogota, Columbia and emigrated to the U.S. when she was just five years old. Her parents, Alvaro and Ana Ramirez fled the violence in the Colombian countryside in the early 1960's in search if a new life of security and promise for their children in America. With little more than an optimistic spirit. Al and Ana settled in Bayshore, New York where they went on to raise five extraordinary citizens. Through hard work, determination and a deep commitment to each other the Ramirez family actualized their dreams of America.

The eldest of five children, Lilia spoke only Spanish when he arrived in New York as a five year old. Yet Lilia excelled throughout her public education career, graduating with distinction from Brentwood high School and